

June 8th 1750.

Unto the Right Honourable the Lords of Council and Session,

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Petition and Complaint

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The ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, with Con-
course of *William Grant*, Esq; his Majesty's Advo-
cate for his Majestys Interest;

Humbly sheweth,

THAT, by the Laws of this and all well governed Realms, the forging or coun-
terfeiting Securities for Money, and the uttering, or taking Value for, or us-
ing such forged Securities, knowing the same to be false, especially when the
Securities, forged or counterfeited, resemble the Notes of a Trading Company, erected,
by Charter from the Crown, for the Purpose of Banking, whose Notes have frequent
and daily Currency, and are of high Benefit to this Part of the United Kingdom, by
augmenting the Credit and Trading Stock thereof, are all and each of them Crimes of
a high Nature, and severely punishable; yet true it is and of Verity, that *John Young*,
Serjeant in the Regiment commanded by the Honourable Colonel *Robert Rich*, and
now Prisoner in the Tolbooth of *Edinburgh*, has presumed to commit, and is guilty of
all or one or other of the foresaid Crimes, aggravated as aforesaid, or of being Art and
Part thereof, IN SO FAR AS, at *Arderfer*, in the County of *Inverness*, and upon some
or other of the Days of the Months of *May*, *June*, *July* or *August*, in the Year of our
Lord One thousand seven hundred and forty nine, or of some other Month or Months
within the Year foresaid, during the Summer Season, when a Part of his Majesty's For-
ces were encamped at *Arderfer*, amongst whom the said *John Young* was upon Duty,
and then acted as Serjeant Pay-master to the Company to which he belonged, and com-
monly got the Pay sent to, or lodged with him, in Twenty Shilling Notes of the said
Royal Bank, a Number of false and counterfeited Notes, intended to resemble and pass
for the Twenty Shilling Notes of the Royal Bank of *Scotland*, and one, at least, re-
sembling a Five Pound Note of the said Bank, were forged or fabricated; and thereaf-
ter, of such false Notes, there were uttered, used or dispersed, no less than the Num-
ber of Sixteen resembling the said Twenty Shilling Notes, and one resembling the Five
Pound Notes of the said Bank, all which false Notes, to the Number of Seventeen,
were, upon the Fourth Day of *November* last, or at different Times since, brought to
the Office of the said Royal Bank at *Edinburgh*, and are herewith produced, and lodg-
ed in the Hands of the Clerk to this Complaint, conform to a Schedule or List hereto
annexed, expressing the particular Numbers thereof, and which Schedule is hereby re-
ferred to, and held to be repeated as Part of this Complaint; and in the forging, coun-
terfeiting, uttering and dispersing of the said seventeen false Notes, or of some Part or
greater or smaller Number thereof, the said Serjeant *John Young*, the Person complain-
ed upon, is guilty, Actor, or Art and Part; all which, or Part thereof, being found
proven, after due Trial before your Lordships, the said seventeen Notes, herewith
produced, ought to be found and declared to be false, forged, and counterfeited, and
the said *John Young* found guilty, or Art and Part, of the forging and counterfeiting,
and of the uttering and dispersing thereof, or of some Part or Number of the same, and
thereupon such Decree or Order made by your Lordships, as of right, and by the due
Course of Law, and Practice, may and ought to be made, so as the said *John Young*
may be punished with the Pains of Law, suitable to the Offence or Offences of which
he shall be convicted or found guilty, to the Terror of others to commit the like wicked
and pernicious Practices in Time coming; and as the Complainers are ready to verify
or bring Proof of the Premises, before your Lordships, by the Examination of Wit-
nesses and the Exhibition of Writings, of both which a List is herewith produced and
subjoined;

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subjoined, saving and reserving to the Complainers to adduce any further Evidence that shall hereafter occur during the Course of the Trial.

MAY it therefore please your Lordships to take Trial of the Premises, and, after Trial thereof, to give such Judgment or Decree as is above concluded, or as to your Lordships shall seem meet, according to the Evidence that shall be brought before you: And, for these Purposes, in the first Place, to grant Warrant for serving the said John Young with a Copy of this Complaint, and of the List of Witnesses and Writings hereto annexed, and for summoning the said John Young to answer to this Complaint upon fifteen Days, and grant Diligence for citing the Witnesses mentioned in the said List for proving the same.

According to Justice, &c.

WILL. GRANT.

Follows the Schedule or List of false Notes, referred to in the above Complaint.

Twenty Shillings Notes.

1st, N ^o . $\frac{311}{51587}$	2d, N ^o . $\frac{264}{32538}$	3d, N ^o . $\frac{312}{51930}$	4th, N ^o . $\frac{269}{34445}$
5th, N ^o . $\frac{312}{51930}$	6th, N ^o . $\frac{312}{51935}$	7th, N ^o . $\frac{312}{51933}$	8th, N ^o . $\frac{264}{32532}$

All dated the 6th April 1742.

Twenty Shillings Notes.

1st, N ^o . $\frac{311}{51352}$	2d, N ^o . $\frac{311}{51582}$	3d, N ^o . $\frac{269}{34437}$	4th, N ^o . $\frac{410}{51695}$
5th, N ^o . $\frac{269}{34443}$	6th, N ^o . $\frac{311}{51571}$	7th, N ^o . $\frac{312}{51932}$	8th, N ^o . $\frac{312}{51938}$

All dated the 6th April 1742.

A Five Pound Note N^o. $\frac{115}{1165}$ dated 26th March 1739.

List of other Writings to be made use of for proving the above Complaint.

1. The Examination of the said John Young, taken before the Lords of Council and Session, on the 20th February last.
2. Letter from the said John Young, of Date the 10th February last, directed to the Honourable Colonel Robert Rich.
3. A Letter unsigned, but which will be proved to be the Hand-writing of the said John Young, and to have been sent by him to David Gray Soldier in the said Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Rich, and one of the Witnesses to be adduced against the said John Young.

Follows the List of Witnesses to be adduced for proving the above Complaint.

William Parker, Soldier in Colonel Robert Rich's Regiment.

David Gray, Soldier in the said Regiment.

William Forsyth, Kirk Officer at Ardersier.

Anne Ross, Spouse to David Barrell, late Soldier in Colonel Lascelles's Regiment, now at Nairn.

Alexander Clerk, Servant to John Dunbar Glover in Edinburgh.

Alexander Alison, Deputy Receiver General of Excise at Edinburgh.

Alexander Taylor, Apprentice to George Inglis Attorney in Exchequer.

Charles Malcolm, one of the Officers in the General Post Office at Edinburgh.

Alexander Brown, Merchant in Edinburgh.

Patrick Spark, Writer in Edinburgh.

John Fraser, Writer in Edinburgh.

George Innes, Cashier to the Royal Bank of Scotland.

James Ewart, Accomptant to the said Bank.

Archibald Hope, Clerk in the Accomptants Office of the said Bank.